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Lauren Acoba is a Sr Supply Chain Planning Manager within Integrated Logistics at Starbucks Coffee Company. She has been with Starbucks for over 4 years and has held various leadership positions covering supply, demand, replenishment and Sales and Operations planning in the food, beverage and supplies categories. Most recently her team led the integration of LaBoulange post acquisition and is now working towards enabling the goal to triple the Food business in the next three years through innovative supply chain solutions. Prior to working at Starbucks, Lauren worked in aerospace manufacturing and real estate. She holds a degree in Operations management from Western Washington University.
Kayode Afolabi

Dr. Kayode Afolabi is the Director of Reproductive Health at Federal Ministry of Health, Nigeria. Dr. Kayode holds a Bachelor Degree in Medicine and Surgery and completed a fellowship of the West African Postgraduate Medical College in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He has 18 years’ experience in the field of Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health in Nigeria. He had provided leadership in health system strengthening at the state level as Honourable Commissioner of Health and currently provides leadership in developing government policies and programs at the national level towards improving sexual reproductive and maternal health indices in Nigeria. His experience spans several programs, including family planning services and logistics. His skills and experience also cover demand generation, national capacity development, and advocacy and partnerships with governments, donors, bilateral institutions, academic institutions, the private sector, civil society and UN agencies. Resource mobilization; management of complex federal/state reproductive maternal, newborn and child health programs are his areas of strength. He is also passionate and skilled in reporting and documenting achievements, best practices and challenges.
Laila Akhlaghi

Dr. Laila Akhlaghi is an APICS certified supply chain professional with 15 years of experience in public health supply chains and project management. Her areas of expertise include data analysis, forecasting, and supply planning. Working with such organizations as USAID, UNFPA, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, she is known for her ability to synthesize information and clearly communicate complex subject matter to facilitate decision-making. She joined JSI six years ago and served as a technical advisor before becoming the program manager for the Implant Access Program and the Sayana Press Introduction activities. Prior to her work at JSI, she was with Management Sciences for Health, where she oversaw the development of Quantimed, and prior to that at the Department of Health and Human Services. She also spent some time as a pharmacist. She began her career as the Executive Resident at the American Association of Consultant Pharmacists. She has worked in nearly 20 countries across Africa and Asia to provide forecasting and supply planning technical assistance. Dr. Akhlaghi received her Doctor of Pharmacy and Masters in Public Administration from the University of Kentucky and is currently studying for her MicroMasters in Supply Chain Management from MIT. She is a native Farsi speaker.
Jennifer Anyanti

Dr Jennifer Anyanti is the Deputy Managing Director of Programs/ESMPIN Chief of Party at Society for Family Health Nigeria. Dr Jennifer has over 20 years demonstrated experience with local and international organizations, in applying public health principles for HIV/AIDS/STI prevention and control, family planning, BCC/health communications, primary health care and managed care in occupational health settings. Dr Anyanti possesses strong skills in coordination, supervision, research activities, data management, report writing and design of user friendly monitoring and evaluation systems. She is well published, and very interested in the application of research to the development of sound public health programs.
Emmanuelle Assy

Currently based in Benin, Emmanuelle Assy leads computer simulation modeling exercises to design more cost effective immunization supply chains and provides technical guidance to develop supply chain improvement plans to ministries of health and partners throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Emmanuelle has worked for more than 10 years in supply chain management, program development and monitoring evaluation in both the private and public sector.

Prior to joining VillageReach, Emmanuelle worked as a Monitoring & Evaluation Technical Advisor with the Agence de Médecine Préventive (AMP) in Benin where she was responsible of developing appropriate evaluation frameworks to the optimized logistics systems (OLS) and monitoring the national scale up of the new system in close collaboration with the national EPI logistics team and partners. She also worked for UNOPS and The Maersk Group.

Emmanuelle holds a MSc in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the National Polytechnic Institute of Yamoussoukro, Côte d’Ivoire and a MA in International Development Studies from Ohio University. Emmanuelle is also a Fulbright alumni.
Hla Hla Aye

Dr. Hla Hla Aye has been Assistant Representative of the United Nations Population Fund in Myanmar for over four years. During this time, she oversaw the UNFPA’s support to Myanmar’s first “Costed implementation plan for meeting commitments of Family Planning 2020”. This plan will enable Myanmar to move forward in its efforts to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity through a global initiative in increasing contraceptive prevalence rate and reduce unmet need for family planning so that Myanmar women will have an informed choice of contraceptives to plan their pregnancies and decide on the size of their families. Together with JSI and the Ministry of Health, she ensured UNFPA’s support towards Reproductive health commodity security and the initiation of RHC-LS in Myanmar. In the past three years she had done extensive work on in-service as well as pre-service midwifery skills and competency development, she led the midwifery workforce assessment which will form the basis for midwifery policy development in Myanmar to ensure midwives will have career path for further development and are empowered to reach the unreached through better coverage of skilled midwifery care. National standards for midwifery has been developed aligned to ASEAN regional guidelines to improve skilled attendance at birth that women should no longer die giving birth in Myanmar. She joined the United Nations in 2007, serving first in New Delhi at World Health Organization South East Asia Regional Office as Technical International Personnel and she developed the Regional Guidelines for Health workforce Strategic Planning for the eleven SEARO countries.
George William Barigye

George William Barigye, MPH, joined PATH’s Uganda office as a Program Officer in 2014 and manages PATH’s training and monitoring work for Sayana Press pilot introduction and expansion. George is currently leading district health teams in Uganda to train 800 facility-based providers and 300 Village Health Team community health workers (VHTs) in family planning and Sayana Press administration, building on the experience he gained training 700 VHTs during the pilot phase of Sayana Press introduction. Once Sayana Press is approved for self-injection in Uganda, George will lead trainings of the first providers in Uganda to offer the option to clients outside of a research setting—hopefully in late 2016. In addition to his training work, George led the collection of monitoring data for the Sayana Press pilot introduction. George brings to PATH more than a decade of experience working in public health in Uganda, including positions with Fontes Foundation Uganda, Infectious Diseases Institute of the Makekere University College of Health Sciences, the Uganda Red Cross Society, and the District Local Government.

He is responsible for liaising with the Ministry of Health and partner agencies to support the implementation and evaluation of the introduction of Sayana Press in Burkina Faso, and has overseen the move to national scale in early 2016. He works closely with UNFPA staff and PATH staff based in Seattle to assist in planning and monitoring of project activities, timelines and deliverables, and with ministerial counterparts, leads the national SP technical committee. Alain is trained as a male midwife and received master’s degrees in international public health from the University of Marseille, France, and the University of Alexandria, Egypt. He has 20 years of professional experience with clinical and program responsibilities with the government and with non-governmental organizations.
Erica Belanger

Erica is an Advocacy Adviser at the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), leading on issues related to family planning advocacy. She has over 10 years’ experience in international development, and has been working to increase financial and political support for sexual and reproductive health and rights for the past 8 years. She is an experienced advocate and fundraiser in the areas of peacebuilding and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), and successfully mobilized over US$85 million to support SRHR country programming. Currently, she works in partnership with Advance Family Planning (AFP) to link global policy trends and opportunities to national and subnational level advocacy interventions. She holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science and International Development Studies from McGill University, and a Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict studies.
Ben Bellow

Dr. Ben Bellows, a co-founder of Nivi and the Council lead on the digital platform, is an associate with the Population Council’s Reproductive Health program in Lusaka, Zambia. He joined the Council’s Kenya office in 2009 to lead a five-country, five-year initiative to measure the impact of reproductive health vouchers on health service uptake, equity, quality of care, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability in East Africa and South and Southeast Asia (2009-14). In Zambia since 2015, he serves as a lead regional researcher on the Evidence Project to conduct and disseminate implementation research findings in family planning service delivery. He is also a Council senior team member on a UNFPA Zambia agreement in which the Council serves as a knowledge management partner for sexual and reproductive health programs. Dr Bellows seeks to use technology to provide health services to people who would not otherwise be reached by the health system. Dr Bellows received his MPH in epidemiology/biostatistics and social behavior and his PhD in epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley, where his research focused on the impact of low-income subsidies for reproductive healthcare in Uganda.
Briton Bieze

Briton Bieze received her BA in French and International Relations from UW Madison and her MPH from UNC Chapel Hill. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali and worked for 3 years in international education for YFU. In Washington, DC and Jakarta, Indonesia she worked for JSI DELIVER for several years in the areas of monitoring and evaluation and program management. She has been working for Ipas for 3 years to assist governments and private sector providers to strengthen their supply chains and ensure a sustainable supply of abortion and postabortion contraceptive commodities.
Shannon Bledsoe

Shannon Bledsoe is the vice president for programs at Womancare Global, where she leads initiatives to introduce new and underutilized contraceptive methods for women and girls, and remove barriers to high-quality reproductive health services, in sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to joining WCG, Shannon worked on introducing misoprostol and mifepristone into low-resource settings in Africa and Asia, and led social marketing programs in family planning, HIV, maternal and child health. She spent seven years living and working in Cameroon and Haiti.
Jennifer Blum

Jennifer has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and French Literature from the University of California, San Diego, and a master’s of public health from University of California, Los Angeles. She previously worked as a Program Officer at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation where she oversaw grantmaking for the Population and Reproductive Health’s Sub-Saharan Africa and Global Youth subprograms. Jennifer has extensive experience in the reproductive health field, and has led research and published papers on reproductive health technologies for over a decade. Her other work experience includes positions at Gynuity Health Projects and the Population Council, in New York, where she carried out research focused on post-abortion care, medical abortion and postpartum hemorrhage. She also served in the Peace Corps in the Republic of Guinea, West Africa
Heran Gerba Borta

Ms Heran Gerba Borta is the Deputy Director General of Ethiopian Food, Medicine & Healthcare Administration & Control Authority, since January 2014.

From June 2013 up to December 2014 Medicine dossier assessment senior expert at Ethiopian Food, Medicine and Health care Administration & Control Authority.

From September 2003 upto May 2013 worked in different positions at the Medicine Quality Control Laboratory of Ethiopian Food, Medicine & Health Care Administration and Control Authority.

She received her Bachelor of pharmacy from Addis Ababa University, School of Pharmacy in the year 2003 and Master’s Degree in Pharmaceutical Analysis and Quality Assurance from the same University in the year 2010.

In addition, has undergone several other professional supportive and professional carrier development training programmes in Health regulation and related sectors; including short courses.
Victoria Boydell

Victoria Boydell is the Rights and Accountability Advisor for the Evidence Project/IPPF, a USAID-funded initiative to improve family planning policies, programs, and practices worldwide. Before joining the Evidence Project, she oversaw global monitoring and reporting for the Fund for Gender Equality at UN Women and held a range of positions at the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She has over 12 years’ experience in the field of family planning, reproductive health and gender equality. Her research has addressed such reproductive health issues as contraceptive use, discontinuation and provider-client interaction. She has also worked on issues of community and client participation and engagement in sexual and reproductive health programs. Vicky has experience in a variety of geographic settings, with particular experience in Tanzania, Nigeria, Uganda, Indonesia and the United Kingdom.

Vicky received her MSc and her PhD in anthropology from the London School of Economics and Political Science.
Lester Chinery

Mr. Lester Chinery is Director of Operations for Concept Foundation and Program Director for the Quality of Reproductive Health Medicines program. Lester has over 20 years of senior level Reproductive Health/Family Planning experience working with Concept, the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and its subsidiary company ICON Ltd, which he founded in 2000, serving as its Managing Director/IPPF Director of Procurement Services until 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Chinery was Contraceptive Social Marketing Manager for the IPPF European Network, introducing a range of low-cost contraceptives across Eastern Europe in partnership with commercial manufacturers. He was IPPF’s first representative at the time of formation of the RHSC, served on the Executive Committee in 2006 and is currently technical lead for the Generic Manufacturers Caucus for Reproductive Health (GEMS Caucus).

Concept Foundation has joined Merck for Mothers, the World Health Organization and Ferring Pharmaceuticals in developing HSC for low income countries. The project involves a large, multi-country clinical trial on the effectiveness of HSC in the prevention of PPH following vaginal deliveries, the identification of generic manufactures capable of producing a WHO prequalified, low-cost product for low income countries and the advocacy for product introduction across low- and low-middle income countries.
Amadi Jennifer Chinoye

Jennifer is a passionate advocate for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights including Family Planning working to promote healthy behavior through advocacy and community engagement. Currently, she is a Women Deliver Young Leader and works as Advocacy Advisor for the African Youth Initiative on Population, Health and Development (AfrYPoD). Nationally, Jennifer identifies best practices, strengths and gaps in accountability mechanism and evidence based interventions on RMNCAH.

Previously, Jennifer was involved in the Women Deliver DELIVER FOR GOOD campaign (May 2016), served in the Family Planning Advocacy Working Group (FPAWG) Rivers State Nigeria (that aims to increase access to quality family planning services with a focus on Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives), lead the social media program of DKT International Nigeria, supported Ipas in their work on Women Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Nigeria and interned with Traffina Foundation (who providing clean birth kits to pregnant mothers and trainings to traditional birth attendants).

She holds a BSc in Health Education from Nnamdi Azikiwe University and a certification in SRHR.
Megan Christofield

Megan Christofield, MPH, is a Technical Advisor for Family Planning at Jhpiego with nearly a decade of experience in global health programming. She provides technical assistance to programs across sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, offering expertise in program design, material development, advocacy, data visualization, and innovation, particularly as these relate to long-acting reversible contraception, postpartum family planning, and family planning access and rights. Megan holds an MPH in Women’s and Reproductive Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a BA in Peace Studies from the College of St. Benedict. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uganda.
Lisa Cohen

Lisa Cohen is the Executive Director of the Washington Global Health Alliance (WGHA), a coalition of the state’s leading global health research and development organizations. WGHA supports and advances Washington State’s global health community as a nexus for research, education, training and delivery on the world stage. WGHA membership includes global health organizations, educational institutions, and private and public entities.

Prior to the formation of WGHA, Ms. Cohen spent 25 years as a producer and manager in broadcast news. She taught journalism at the University of Washington, where she earned degrees in Broadcast Journalism and International Communications. She serves as Executive Director and Board Chair for the Washington Global Health Fund and on the governance boards of Global to Local and Life Science Washington. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Life Science & Global Health Advisory Council as well as numerous civic advisory committees.

WGHA envisions a world in which collaboration leads to global health equity. The first organization of its kind, WGHA was founded in 2007 and has more than 60 members. WGHA leverages partnerships, raises community awareness and supports creative solutions that address local and global health challenges.
Temple Cooley

Temple Cooley is Deputy Director of the USAID-funded Expanding Effective Contraceptive Options (EECO) Project, implemented by Woman Care Global, Population Services International and other partners. She is a long-time employee of PSI and currently serves as the organization’s technical lead for new methods of contraception. She has over twelve years of experience in international development and global health, including nine years dedicated to improving access to quality reproductive health information, products and services. Ms. Cooley’s career in international development began when she served as a Peace Corps volunteer with the IPPF member association in Mali. Ms. Cooley holds a bachelor’s in foreign service from Georgetown University and a master’s in public administration from Columbia University. She speaks French and Spanish.
Taryn Couture conducts research across PAI’s priority areas with a focus on financial tracking and analysis for sexual and reproductive health. Prior to joining, PAI Taryn was a health scientist at Palladium Group, where she supported the creation of two family planning Costed Implementation Plans (CIPs) and developed accompanying gap analysis and costing tools. Taryn earned a Master of Public Administration from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany in 2012. She also holds undergraduate degrees in public policy and gender studies from the University at Albany.
John Dew

John Dew is the Director of Global Ocean Service Provider Management, Expeditors International. He has over 30 years of experience in international transportation and logistics. John has diverse working experience in maritime shipping, technology and supply chain consulting. In addition, he has been admitted to practice before the Federal Maritime Commission; is an Affiliate Instructor & Advisory Board Member of the University of Washington Master of Supply Chain Transportation and Logistics Program; and is a Board of Directors Member of VillageReach.
Claudette A. Diogo

Mrs Claudette A. Diogo Attoh is a pharmacist by profession and holds a Post graduate degree from SDA Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. She has been with the Ghana Health Service for the past 8 years involved in Family Planning Programming in Ghana as well as other reproductive health related assignments. During this period she has been involved mainly in the logistics management of Family Planning commodities nationally.

Mrs Diogo Attoh has been part of the introduction of Implanon and the transitioning to Implanon NXT into the method mix of her country.

She has presented her country’s experiences on several platforms in some international Conferences, including the last Family Planning Conference in Bali, Indonesia.
Ayisha Diop

Ms. Diop is a graduate of the School of Public Health at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has over 15 years’ experience providing technical assistance to organizations and governments, leading trainings with various levels of providers and conducting hospital and community based research in reproductive health. She is currently a Senior Program Associate based in Dakar, Senegal coordinating Gynuity Health Project’s work on Postabortion care and Postpartum Hemorrhage in West and Central Africa.
Nafissatou Diop

Dr Nafissatou Diop est la Directrice Pays du Population Council à Dakar au Sénégal. Elle a une expérience internationale de travail dans 14 pays, principalement dans le domaine de la planification familiale et santé de la reproduction, de l’évaluation stratégique, du VIH / SIDA, et de la vaccination.

Avant de rejoindre le Population Council en 2012, Diop a travaillé comme spécialiste de programmes sénior au Centre de Recherche pour le Développement International (CRDI), basé au Canada.

Avant le CRDI, Diop a travaillé au Centre pour les Programmes de Communication de l’Ecole Bloomberg de Santé Publique de l’Université Johns Hopkins où elle a créé une base de données de ressources destinée à ceux et celles qui travaillent à améliorer les programmes pour les victimes de violence basée sur le genre. Dr Nafissatou Diop a débuté sa carrière comme ingénieure en informatique au Centre d’Etudes et de Recherche sur la Population pour le Développement (CERPOD). Elle a développé et géré un logiciel pour systèmes de santé utilisé dans six pays. Elle détient un diplôme en informatique de France, et est titulaire d’une Maitrise en Sciences de la Santé (MHS) et d’un Doctorat en Santé Publique de l’Ecole d’Hygiène et de Santé Publique de Johns Hopkins. Dr Diop représente dans le comité le secteur de la recherche.
Paul Dowling

For the past five years Paul has led JSI’s supply chain practice in Ethiopia with over 120 staff and annual funding of about US$9 million. He is responsible for overall strategy, client relations and workplan development and implementation. A particular focus is ensuring MIS work addresses supply chain problems. Prior to this he was Technical Director for the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT, overseeing all field technical activities. An experienced public health and supply chain professional, he has an MBA from the University of Maryland (College Park) and an Analytical Science degree from Dublin City University (Ireland). Prior to working in the development sector he worked for several years in the biotechnology sector in the San Francisco Bay Area, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso.
Omar Fall

Samson Fanta

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Samson is a Michigan State alum and graduated from the Supply Chain Management program. Samson is first generation Ethiopian and has been living in the US since he was 6 years old, spending most of his childhood in Washington DC, Minneapolis, and Denver.
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Karen Finneyfrock is a poet and novelist in Seattle, WA. She is the author of two young adult novels: The Sweet Revenge of Celia Door and Starbird Murphy and the World Outside, both published by Viking Children’s Books. She is one of the editors of the anthology Courage: Daring Poems for Gutsy Girls and the author of Ceremony for the Choking Ghost, both released on Write Bloody press. She is a former Writer-in-Residence at Richard Hugo House in Seattle and teaches for Seattle Arts and Lectures’ Writers-in-the-Schools program. In 2010, Karen traveled to Nepal as a Cultural Envoy through the US Department of State to perform and teach poetry and in 2011, she did a reading tour in Germany sponsored by the US Embassy.
Victoria Graham

Victoria Graham, BA, MBA is a Sr. Technical Advisor in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) in the Bureau of Global Health (GH) at USAID. Victoria has more than 25 years of experience in international public health and has worked in a variety of sectors including family planning, maternal and child health, and food security. For the past 14 years Victoria has focused her efforts on family planning with a focus on strengthening community-based family planning programs, improving the policy environment for access and provision of contraception at the community level, including expansion of method choice. Victoria represents USAID on the donor consortium working on the global introduction of Sayana Press. Prior to her work at USAID, Victoria worked for the ADRA and World Visio.
Jay Gribble

Jay Gribble, ScD is a recognized leader in the field of international family planning, with 25 years of experience leading activities in policy, research, and communication. As HP+’s Deputy Director for FP/RH, he provides oversight of a broad portfolio that includes costed implementation plans development and execution, development and applications of policy models to generate support for family planning, and the work on the linkages between family planning and other health and development issues. Gribble is involved in other FP initiatives, including the HIP TAG, where he has served as lead author on two HIP briefs (finance and commitment), and Advance Family Planning. Gribble has also authored a variety of publications on issues related to family planning, including contraceptive security, youth, and the demographic dividend. Gribble holds a doctorate in Population from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.
Alexis Heaton

Alexis Heaton has been working with John Snow Inc. for eight years providing technical guidance and assistance to a variety of teams and projects in the areas of quantification, procurement, and supply chain management. She is currently working with Coordinated Supply Planning working group as the group’s coordinator, helping to facilitate data sharing across organizations to achieve greater efficiencies and improved access for family planning products. She has over 15 years of experience in strategic planning and program management, with a focus on supply chains for global health.
Angela Hession

Over 15 years of managing Microsoft’s global retail and consumer supply chain activities. Primary focus on global incubation product launches via online and retail channels. Currently developing new strategies and capabilities for our Xbox Engineering and Services organization.
John D. Hetherington

Mr. Hetherington joined Ipas as President and CEO in September 2015, bringing more than 20 years of international management experience in the United States, Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and South and South East Asia. He is a successful leader in results-driven international development, with an exceptional track record of delivering large-scale, cost-effective impact in health, social marketing, social franchising and behavior change, particularly through the private sector, in some of the world’s most difficult operating environments. Mr. Hetherington previously served as Managing Director of PSI Europe and as PSI’s Asia Regional Representative. He has also managed large programs and staff as the PSI country representative in Myanmar, Pakistan, and Burkina Faso. He is a passionate and articulate advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights. He speaks French and German and has basic knowledge of other languages, including Spanish, Thai and Kiswahili.
Bethany Young Holt

Bethany Young Holt, PhD, MPH is the co-founder and Director of the Initiative for Multipurpose Prevention Technologies (IMPT), an international consortium of researchers, product developers, health advocates and clinicians working to advance the development of new products that combine protection against unintended pregnancy and STIs, including HIV. The IMPT is a program of CAMI Health (based in the Public Health Institute), an organization dedicated to reproductive health and empowerment of women and adolescent girls, where Dr. Young Holt serves as founder and Executive Director. Dr. Holt’s over 25 years of work in the areas of reproductive health and HIV/STI prevention in the U.S. and internationally includes traineeships at the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Institute Pasteur in Dakar, Senegal; anthropological field work in the Samoan Islands, and Peace Corps volunteer and relief work with the U.N. High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Mauritania, Senegal and Ethiopia. Dr. Holt has a PhD in Epidemiology and MPH in Maternal and Child Health from UC Berkeley and a BS in Biology from the College of Wooster.
Laura Hytti

Laura Hytti is a young public health professional working in the field of reproductive and menstrual health. She is currently a Research Coordinator at WoMena, a NGO working with research, long-term strategies and advocacy to support innovative reproductive health solutions in East Africa. In her role, she supports the development, implementation and dissemination of research on menstrual health, the menstrual cup and creating sustainable access to menstrual health products. Laura holds a MMSc in International Health from Uppsala University and previously worked in health care regulation in the UK. She will be coordinating WoMena’s RHSC Innovation Fund project, the Menstrual Cup Market Accessibility Project in Uganda.
Katja Iversen

Katja Iversen is the President and CEO of Women Deliver - a leading global advocate for investment in the health, rights and wellbeing of girls and women, with a specific focus on maternal, sexual and reproductive health and rights. Iversen, an internationally recognized expert on development, advocacy and communications, has more than 20 years of experience working in NGOs, corporates and United Nation agencies. Previously, she held the position as Chief of Strategic Communication and Public Advocacy with UNICEF, a position she came to after almost six years of leading the team responsible for advocacy and communication on reproductive health and MDG 5 at UNFPA. She holds a master’s degree in communications, bachelor’s degree in public administration and certificates in management, conflict resolution and international development. Iversen has worked in global health for more than a decade and has an extensive network within the UN, development communities and global media. She has counseled and trained multiple Fortune 500 executives on cross cultural management and cross cultural communication. She is a health adviser to the Clinton Global Initiative and on the CSO consultative group to the World Bank.
Carmit Keddem

Ms. Carmit Keddem is Deputy Director of JSI’s Center for Health Logistics, and over the last three years has provided leadership and technical support in the design, implementation, and scale-up of the Reproductive Health Logistics System in Myanmar. With an interest in designing high-performing supply chains, she has led the design of HIV, malaria, reproductive health, and laboratory supply chain systems across Africa and Asia. In Myanmar and elsewhere, Carmit has worked to optimize health supply chains by taking commercial sector models and applying them to the public health sector. She has a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.
Adama Kemou

Joan Esther Kilande holds a B.A Social Sciences degree of Makerere University with a major in Gender Studies and a certificate in Primary Health Care. In addition Joan has amassed experience in fields of Reproductive Health, Human Rights, Policy Advocacy and mass media campaigns. She has been working with Journalists and communities for the last four (4) years in various health and human rights campaigns and has skills and experience in using social accountability approaches specifically the Citizens Report Card (CRC) and Community Score Card (CSC).

Joan is currently working as Project Officer under the Community Empowerment Program (CEP) at Coalition for Health Promotion and Social development (HEPS-Uganda). She has coordinated a project titled Engage Citizens to Stop Medicine Stock Outs and another titled Empowering Ugandan Communities to Combat contraceptive stock outs and increase choice; previously she has also worked on a transparency and social accountability project and adolescence sexual and reproductive health project. The interventions have contributed to increased reports on medicines stock outs that need redress, have led to increase in uptake for services, promoted client-provider relationship and led to increase in Family Planning choice. In all community interventions community ownership of programs leads to improved accountability, local level action and assured sustainability.
Sarah Laaff

Sarah Laaff has eight years of professional public health experience. She is currently a Program Manager with John Snow, Inc.’s Center for Health Logistics, supporting a variety of supply chain projects. Sarah previously served as Projects Administrator in Zimbabwe, managing operations for the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT and Supply Chain Management System Project. During her career, she has provided a range of technical, administrative, and financial support to programs across Africa, Eastern Europe, and Asia. Sarah has an MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a BA from Washington University in St. Louis. She is fluent in English and possesses basic Spanish skills.
Ben Light

Ben Light has worked for UNFPA since 2004. He is Senior Technical Adviser for Reproductive Health Commodity Security, currently based at UNFPA HQ in New York. Ben led the formulation of UNFPA’s Family Planning Strategy “Choices not Chance” designed to align all UNFPA efforts with the increased global momentum to ensure universal access to family planning.

He has been principal formulator of UNFPA’s Global Programme to enhance Reproductive Health Commodity Security, Phases I & II 2007-20, now better known as UNFPA Supplies. These programme have mobilised a little over US$1 billion to support countries mainstream Reproductive Health Commodity Security into national health policies, programme, plans and budgets. UNFPA Supplies is particularly oriented towards contributing to the objectives of FP2020.

Ben is one of the few people here who has attended every Supplies Coalition membership meeting since the first one in Washington DC in October 2004. He headed the Coalition’s Market Development Approaches Working Group from 2005-12.
Hnin Hnin Lwin

The Deputy Director of MRH (Program Manager), Department of Public Health, Myanmar Ministry of Health, Dr. Hnin Hnin Lwin has played a key leadership role in both the pilot of the reproductive health commodity logistics system in Myanmar, as well as in implementation. She has worked in maternal and reproductive health for 9 years - as a Medical officer for 4yrs, an Assistant Director for 4 years and now as the Deputy Director since 2015. Dr. Lwin has an M.B.B.S degree from University of Medicine (1), in Myanmar and also holds an M.Med.Sc in Public Health.
Génesis Luigi

Génesis Luigi studies Psychology at the Central University of Venezuela and conducts research on sexuality and intellectual disability. She has been passionate about sexual and reproductive health since high school. As a result of her experience with conservative and incomplete sex education, Génesis started volunteering at PLAFAM with the intention of making a difference in how sexuality is addressed at schools, communities and peer groups. She also started a project called “La Pastilla” —the pill—, a video blog focused on sexuality and gender issues where I talk briefly about those topics she would have liked to learn in her high school sex education classes. Génesis is a Youth Member on the PLAFAM General Assembly and the current IPPF/WHR Youth Network Coordinator.
Alison Marshall

Alison Marshall is IPPF’s Director for Advocacy, Accountability and Campaigns. She leads IPPF’s global advocacy to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender equality through changes to policies, budgets and legislation, working with international institutions, IPPF’s regional offices and national Member Associations. She provides strategic guidance to IPPF’s advocacy, accountability and campaigning work and represents IPPF at international events and in coalitions, including on the Board of PMNCH. Prior to joining IPPF, Marshall worked as Public Affairs Director at UNICEF UK, as Advocacy and Representation Manager for BOND, and Head of Campaigns for CAFOD. She represented Europe on the Global Call to Action against Poverty and formed part of the management group for many other coalition campaigns including Make Poverty History. She holds a Master of Law in Human Rights from the University of London, MAs in Geography from the University of Cambridge and Rural Development from the University of Sussex, and an MSc in NGO Management from City University, London.
Melina Masnatta

She is the Coordinator of the Digital Innovation Laboratory at Fundacion Huesped, she is also professor and researcher at the University of Buenos Aires and the Latin American Social Sciences Institute. She’s co-founder of Chicas en Tecnología (Girls in Tech), where they teach programming to teenagers for reduce the gender and digital gap. Member of the international network of leading education programs Wikipedia Education Collaborative and co-founder of a group of independent digital artists. More than 13 years working in the design, research and development projects and innovation programs that articulate education and technology with regional scoop. Focus on youth empowerment, innovation, gender gap, low and high technology, teaching and creativity. She believes in links between art, technology and education as bridge for social change.
Gilbert Mateshi

Gilbert Mateshi is a registered Pharmacist with the Pharmacy Council of Tanzania and works in supply chain in Tanzania for almost 6 years now. He joined the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) in September 2014 as a Supply Chain Advisor to support the Reproductive and Child Health Section (RCHS) of the Ministry of Health in improving access to Implants and other reproductive health commodities to women in Tanzania.

He worked within the Ministry to build capacity of the RCHS Program Pharmacist, to improve the accuracy of commodity forecasts, and to ensure funding requirements for commodities were met. He worked with Medical Stores Department, local government’s authorities and other partners to improve availability of reproductive health commodities at lower level health facilities.

Currently, Gilbert is the Family Planning Program Manager with CHAI Tanzania Team.
Gillian Martin Mehers

Gillian is a learning and capacity development practitioner working within the global sustainability community for 25 years and has designed and run hundreds of workshops, courses and meetings from Armenia to Zambia. She is currently Founding Director at Bright Green Learning (Atadore Sàrl). Previously she was Head of Learning at IUCN and Director of Capacity Development at LEAD International (Leadership for Environment and Development). Gillian’s expertise is in creating dynamic experiential learning environments, facilitating productive multi-stakeholder dialogue processes, interactive learning design, and innovative curriculum and training materials development. Gillian won the IAF Gold Award for Facilitation Impact in 2015 and is co-author of the Climate Change Playbook (Chelsea Green, 2016).
Elaine Menotti

Elaine Menotti is a Technical Advisor at USAID’s Bureau for Global Health in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health where she works on the Private Sector team, manages health service delivery programs and supports public/private partnerships and strategic initiatives to implement total market approaches. Previously, she worked in USAID’s Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition Office on community based maternal and child health programming. Prior to USAID, Elaine worked at Futures Group to strengthen FP/RH policies and programs for public and private sectors in multiple countries. She worked in Central America with local and international NGOs, as well as domestically, to design, implement and monitor community-based maternal and child health and nutrition programs. She has an MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education from the University of Michigan and a BA in Anthropology from Duke University.
Ms. Seloi Mogatle is a Technical Specialist (Pharmacist) in charge of the Quality Assurance of Medicines at UNFPA. She provides technical assistance on contraceptive technology, new developments, issues on quality and safety of innovator and generic RH medicines. She is responsible for the assessment and inspections of factories of manufacturers of RH medicines which need quality assessments for UNFPA’s procurement including finalizing the respective reports. She is leading the improvement of the QA system of RH medicines. Prior to joining UNFPA, Seloi worked for the Government of Botswana in the Ministry of Health, Drugs Regulatory Unit (DRU) where she rose through the ranks to become the Head of Evaluation of applications for registration. During her time at the Ministry of Health she led the adoption, creation, adaptation and implementation of various guidelines relating to regulation of medicines. Some of the guidelines were adapted and adopted from SADC (Southern Africa Development Community), WHO and ICH (International Conference on Harmonisation). She developed a guideline on registration of pharmaceuticals from Stringent Regulatory Agencies including WHO prequalified medicines. This resulted in reduced waiting times and improved use of resources. She created an open environment where applicants for medicine registration could discuss their concerns in order to improve the efficiency of medicines registration. She has experience in inspection of manufacturing facilities for compliance with current WHO Good Manufacturing Practices and on post-marketing surveillance. During her time in Botswana she led the procurement of a medicine scanner (to test for quality of medicines in the market) which is used for preliminary testing by the DRU. She joined the WHO quality assessors team in Nov 2009 where she was engaged every two months to
Godefroid Mpanya

Dr. Godefroid Mpanya Ilunga is a medical doctor in the DRC with over fifteen years of experience in the clinical treatment and study of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and malaria. Currently Dr. Ilunga serves as the Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist for ASF/PSI where he oversees all of PSI’s projects in the DR Congo regarding HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and malaria.
Nancy Muller

Nancy has worked for 25 years managing maternal and child health and immunization-related programs at PATH. She works on interdisciplinary teams to design and conduct field evaluations that ensure the voice of the end-user is incorporated in technology development including for menstrual health, vaccine cold chain, health care waste management, and improved cookstoves. She leads PATH’s menstrual health team aimed at increasing awareness of, access to, and use of affordable solutions for managing menstruation in low-resource settings through product design and optimization, user-focused research, market access, and advocacy. She has managed maternal and newborn health programs to strengthen the delivery of preventive services and health education on immunization, micronutrients, neonatal care, and family planning. Prior to joining PATH, she worked in refugee resettlement and economic development. Ms. Muller holds a master’s degree in international management from School for International Training, Vermont.
Angela Mutunga

Currently, Angela holds the position of East Africa Regional Program Advisor for Advance Family Planning (AFP) based at Jhpiego Kenya office since August 2013. She takes lead in coordination of Voices from the South advocacy activities, in particular, from within the East Africa Region. She works closely with all AFP partners in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to identify opportunities for in country and regional shared advocacy strategies, and regional collaboration in pursuit of the countries fulfilment of FP2020 commitments. Prior to joining AFP, Angela was the Country Director for Family Care International (FCI), Kenya Office, where she held several positions of increasing responsibility since July 2001. Angela possesses over 18 years’ experience in RH/FP advocacy, human rights approaches to RH, social accountability, research and quality assurance methodologies. Angela’s experience goes beyond RH/FP, has been an accountant with over 15 years’ experience serving in various finance and administration positions. Angela holds an MA in Sociology and Communication, Certified Public Accountant and currently pursues MSc. in Health Economics and Policy at the University of Nairobi.
Marquise Kouo Ngamby

Dr Marquise Kouo Ngamby, est actuellement Chef de Service pour la Santé Maternelle et Néonatale au Ministère de la Santé Publique du Cameroun et aussi assistante-professeur en Santé Publique à l’école de Médecine de l’Université de Yaoundé. Elle est titulaire d’un diplôme de Docteur en Médecine de l’Université de Yaoundé et d’un Master en Santé Publique de l’Université Libre de Bruxelles. En plus de sa grande expérience en VIH et santé de la reproduction, Dr. Kouo Ngamby travaille également en santé maternelle y compris la prévention et le traitement des fistules obstétricales, la prévention des violences basée sur le genre, le planning familial et le renforcement des systèmes de santé.
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Nurfadliah is the National Program Officer for John Snow Inc.’s supply chain component of the My Choice/PilihanKu family planning revitalization project in Indonesia. Nurfadliah has 15 years of professional experience working for a variety of organizations including several international NGOs. Her projects have focused on family planning, communicable diseases (HIV, malaria), and emergency response and she is trained in international procurement and supply management. Nurfadliah completed a bachelor degree in pharmacy from Indonesia’s Muhammadiyah School of Pharmacy and holds a diploma degree from the Faculty of Science, University of Indonesia, also majoring in pharmacy.
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Après un passage de trois ans dans les laboratoires de biologie de l’hôpital Dantec et le Centre National de transfusion Sanguine de Dakar, j’ai travaillé dans le domaine de l’approvisionnement pendant plus de quinze ans pour le secteur public pharmaceutique du Sénégal où j’ai eu à occuper les postes de

Chef de Division approvisionnement de la PNA,

Chef de service Technique de la PNA

Chef de service commercial marketing information et communication de la PNA.

Point focal logistique de la PNA pour tous les programmes du ministère de la santé

Point focal du partenariat public / privé entre la PNA et le secteur privé pharmaceutique avec l’introduction de plus d’une soixantaine de molécules génériques à l’officine.

Présidente de la commission consultative d’établissement avec rôle de conseillère technique dans le conseil d’administration de la PNA et dans l’association des centrales d’achats d’Afrique.

Consultant en logistique pharmaceutique dans le domaine de l’approvisionnement des Centrales d’Achat.


Directrice Technique du Projet Push Model pour la phase d’extension, d’intégration et de transition vers le système de santé du Sénégal.
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Dr. Ndoye is the Director, Population and Reproductive Health for the USAID Global Health Supply Chain-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project. A supply chain management expert with 15 years of experience focused on multi-country programs management and commodity procurement efforts funded by USAID, the Global Fund, DfID, the World Bank, and UNICEF in West Africa, East Africa, and the Caribbean. He has served governments, donors, companies and partners in over 20 countries, with an emphasis in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has led over 10 projects across HIV, RMNCH and family planning. He has developed and managed regional initiatives and country technical work to strengthen supply chain activities, including providing on-the-ground monitoring and documenting progress toward achieving regional results across countries. Dr. Ndoye holds a Doctorate of Clinical Pharmacy from the University of Dakar and a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.
Stephan Nna

24 years, I am a young leader born in Cameroon but grown up and educated in Senegal. I have early been member of youth organizations and been passionated of human and reproductive health laws. At 2011, I joined the Resopopdev also Popdev which was lead by young. I usually be responsible for the implementation of youth programms such as the Popdev’school initiative. I also have been responsible of the communication team at the 4th Summit of Youth Leaders of UN (ROJALNU/ODD) in 2014. Managing youth programms, in 2015 to now at the Youth Alliance for Reproduction Health and Family Planning (ANJ-SR/PF). Joined Aminatou Sar on SECONAF-RHSC, I have worked on youth issues for reproductive health and family planning services access in Senegal and Francophone Africa. Implemented a subgroup with over 65 young leaders of different background. As everyone I get a dream. Mine is to make young people male and female be part of the world as partner not as specific target: everything done without Us is done against Us (Youth).
William Otuku

William is the cofounder and chair of Young And Alive Initiative, a SRHR Youth-led organization in Tanzania, and well as is a clinical officer at Mzumbe University in Tanzania. Previously, he worked for three years with PaLM, a non-governmental organization based in London that does work focused on sexual and reproductive health and rights in Tanzania. Through his work, he was selected as the Evaluation Chair for the Alliance on Family Planning during the International Conference on Family Planning in Addis Ababa. He works with young people daily, focusing on their needs for sexual health services, particularly family planning.

William studied clinical medicine at the Clinical Officer Training College (COTC) Mtswara.
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Jerry Parks is a member of the Total Market Approaches Team at PATH headquarters in Seattle. He has worked on contraceptive supply chain management, the introduction of Sayana Press in country programs, and has conducted retail audits of contraceptive providers. Previously, he worked for Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and in the UNFPA country office located in Kinshasa, DR Congo.
Bindiya Gillenwater Patel

Bindiya Gillenwater Patel, M.P.A., is the deputy director for the Public Health portfolio at PATH. In this role, Bindiya has primary responsibility for management of the PATH’s Public Health (PH) tactical and operational activities, is a strategic partner with PATH’s Vice-President of PH and the PH leadership team, and represents public health both internally at PATH and externally. Since joining PATH in 2004, Bindiya has advocated for new HIV prevention options for women with the Global Campaign for Microbicides, helped manage US government funded projects on Tuberculosis in Tanzania, served on PATH's strategy team, and launched the PATH Center for Malaria Control and Elimination. Prior to PATH, she helped manage a child nutrition program in the townships of Cape Town, worked as a grants officer in England, and monitored World Bank projects for a watchdog group in Washington, D.C. Bindiya holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental engineering from Cornell University and a master’s degree in public policy from Princeton University. She served on the board of directors for the National Women's Health Network from 2006 to 2014, and served as board chair for almost 4 years. She is also the proud mom of two young feminists, Keya and Cimeren.
Radha Paudel

Ms. Radha Paudel is an anesthetic nurse, activist, and author. She has over 20 years of professional experience in various organizations, including working for four years in hospital emergency rooms. She began her nursing career during Nepal’s civil war between a Maoist insurgency and government forces, and was heavily involved in conflict resolution efforts. Radha is the author of “Khalangama Hamala” (“Attack in Khalanga”) and won Nepal’s Madan Puraskar Literary Award in 2014. She is also the founder and president of Action Works Nepal (AWON), which helps rural, poor, and marginalized women to live dignified lives, through a series of human rights campaigns. She is currently working toward her PhD on menstrual restrictions in Nepal.
Jennifer Pope

As director of family planning and reproductive health at PSI, Jen provides technical assistance to country programs providing life-saving products, clinical services and behavior change communications that empower the world’s most vulnerable populations to lead healthier lives. Jen has over 15 years of experience working with non-profits, corporations and government agencies on family planning, HIV and AIDS, malaria, child survival, institutional strengthening, staff capacity building, social marketing and franchising. Jen earned her master’s in international economics and development from Johns Hopkins University and a master’s in business administration from University of Maryland’s Smith School of Business. She provides technical oversight to the FPwatch project and advises on FPwatch global and country strategy.
Saumya RamaRao

Saumya RamaRao is a senior researcher at the Population Council. Along with her team she is working on introducing contraceptive vaginal rings in select countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Her interests are in all aspects of reproductive health including family planning and maternal health. Saumya RamaRao’s commitment to health and rights are reflected in the research she undertakes. She is an active member of the RHSC.
Kate H. Rademacher

Kate H. Rademacher, MHA, has fifteen years of experience in family planning program design and management. She currently works as a Technical Advisor in the Contraceptive Technology Innovation department at FHI 360 where she supports the development and introduction of new and underutilized contraceptive methods. Previously, she worked for five years on the Research Utilization team at FHI 360 where she helped accelerate the translation of research findings into policy and practice. Ms. Rademacher currently serves as the Strategic Partnership Manager for the USAID Envision FP project, the Gates-funded Contraceptive Technology Innovation Initiative, and the Sino-implant (II) initiative. She has expertise in several technical areas including increasing access to long-acting family planning methods and pregnancy tests for family planning programs.
Scott Radloff

Scott Radloff is a Senior Scientist at the Gates Institute at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is the Director of PMA2020, a program that sponsors annual, mobile-assisted household and facility surveys in ten countries in support of the performance monitoring and accountability agenda of FP2020. Dr. Radloff has a PhD from Brown University in Sociology with a specialization in demography.
Aurélien Raphael Randrianandrasana

Randrianandrasana Aurélien Raphael is the youth peer educators supervisor in social franchising TOP Réseau at PSI Madagascar. He has 9 years of experience in providing integrated services in the field of reproductive health. His work focuses on the promotion of friendly health services and the adoption of healthy behaviors for young people. Currently, he wrote his doctoral thesis in sociology at the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar.
Ilse Van Roy

Ilse Van Roy obtained a degree in Clinical Psychology from the Vrije Universiteit Brussels and an MBA from the London Business School. She is fluent in Dutch, English and French with working knowledge of German.

Ilse joined Organon UK in 1999 following several years in different sales and marketing roles with Lilly in Belgium and France.

She subsequently held several marketing roles of increasing responsibility for Women’s Health products, including the sub-dermal implant. She was appointed Business Unit Director Women’s Health in the UK for MSD and played a key role in the strong uptake of the sub dermal implant through the implementation of training programs and social marketing campaigns. She developed strong relationships with Key Opinion Leaders, NGO’s and government departments involved in the Sexual Health Policies in the UK.

Since 2014 she is leads the Family Planning unit for MSD’s Institutional Business in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Elizabeth Scharpf

Elizabeth Scharpf is an inventor, entrepreneur, and investor who brings the best ideas to market by wearing whatever hat fits the occasion. Scharpf is currently Founder and CEO (or Chief Instigating Officer as she likes to say) of Sustainable Health Enterprises (or SHE). Prior to SHE, Scharpf was starting up other ventures and advising businesses on growth strategies around the world at Cambridge Pharma Consultancy, the Clinton Foundation, and the World Bank. Scharpf is a Fulbright Scholar, has an MBA and MPA-International Development from Harvard and a BA from the University of Notre Dame. Despite all the academic acronyms, she thinks her best education has come from talking with those sitting next to her on buses around the world.
Mindy Scibilia

Mindy Scibilia is currently a Global Program Manager at the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) working on family planning and global supply chain efforts in Africa and Asia.

Prior to joining the CHAI, Mindy worked in management consulting and managed field operations for a health and development organization in Kenya. Mindy has also worked with a number of community based organizations in Southeast Asia, Central America, Africa, and Central Asia.
Suneeta Sharma

Suneeta Sharma, PhD, MHA is Director of the flagship Health Policy Plus (HP+) project, a US$185 million global project funded by the USAID. Dr. Sharma has more than 20 years of experience in health policy, financing, and equity. She has expertise in leading and managing USAID global, regional, and country level projects, and providing technical direction in the design, implementation, and monitoring of projects for FP/RH, HIV/AIDS, and maternal and child health. She has a unique skill set comprising technical expertise in health economics, policy, financing, and strategic planning; demonstrated ability in managing large projects and budgets; and experience of training leaders, policymakers, and managers, which she has used to lead a successive series of USAID-funded global health policy and private sector engagement projects operating throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East. This includes the Health Policy Project (Director), Health Policy Initiative (Deputy Director), and Policy II (Regional Director, Asia and Near East). Sharma was an Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) and she earned a Master’s and a Doctorate degree in economic administration and financial management from the University of Rajasthan, and a Master’s degree in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health.
Bryan Shaw

Bryan Shaw has been the FPwatch project lead since its inception starting in 2015. As the Principal Investigator, Bryan has been responsible for organizing the global and national-level FPwatch research strategies. He has more than a decade of experience in international health, with a focus on HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, and nutrition in high-risk populations in Africa and Asia. Bryan has an extensive background in design, implementation, analysis and reporting of formative research, monitoring and evaluation, and operational and impact evaluation research agendas. Bryan has worked with numerous family planning stakeholders, including USAID, CIDA, various Ministries of Health and other international health NGOs. He holds a PhD in International Health from Johns Hopkins University, as well as Master’s degrees in Applied Medical Anthropology and Public Health.
Sarah Shaw

Sarah is a policy advisor for MSI, supporting 10 country programmes to undertake a range of advocacy around abortion law reform, task sharing for FP and abortion and financing. She also undertakes a range of advocacy at the global level including advocacy for improved funding and systems for the delivery of RH supplies. Sarah has worked in the SRHR field since 2002. Initially at IPPF where she has managed a range programmes ranging from country level advocacy capacity building to improve the operational environment for RH supplies, to civil society participation in the London summit on Family Planning. More recently she coordinated civil society participation in the ICPD Beyond 2014 review process and facilitated the participation of civil society from the south in the Intergovernmental negotiations for the SDGs. She is the outgoing chair of the AAWG.
S M Shaikat

S M Shaikat is a young passionate advocate for gender equality, human rights, especially sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in underprivileged communities in Bangladesh. Shaikat started career as a volunteer on youth development projects in 2003, and after getting a bachelor degree in law from the University of London, he continued to advocate for social injustice and basic human rights for young men and women through SERAC-Bangladesh, a national level youth-led NGO in Bangladesh. He initiated a large youth networking on dowry and child marriage prevention in Bangladesh, in which currently more than 2000 young people are actively working. He uses law background as strength against social taboos, and legal barriers in accessing sexual and reproductive health and rights by young people, and fighting gender disparities.

Shaikat was nominated as one of the 100 Global Young Leaders by Women Deliver in 2013. Being a motivational speaker and youth expert on sustainable development goals, Shaikat spoke at several events at the 69th and 70th UN General Assemblies. With his global engagements, Shaikat is leading a number of global youth workstreams including Co-Chairing the Advocacy and Accountability Sub-committee of International Conference on Family Planning-2016, and Chairing the Youth Discussion Group at Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition.

With his leadership, International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFP) and SERAC-Bangladesh organized the Bangladesh 1st National Youth Conference on Family Planning on September 6, 2016 in Dhaka. In recognition of his youth leadership, Shaikat was nominated by the US Department of State for International Visitors Leadership Program in 2013.
Solomon Shiferaw is an Assistant Professor at the Addis Ababa University in the School of Public Health, Department of Reproductive Health and Health Service Management. His research background includes, family planning, adolescent reproductive health, maternal health and inventory management of contraceptives at health facilities. Dr. Solomon holds an MD from the University of Gondar and an MPH from Addis Ababa University.
John Skibiak

John Skibiak brings more than 30 years of experience in the development field, most of it spent managing, directing, and leading reproductive health programmes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. He currently serves as the Director for the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, a global partnership of public, private, and nongovernmental organizations dedicated to ensuring that all people in low- and middle-income countries can access and use affordable, high-quality supplies to ensure their better reproductive health. Prior to joining the Coalition in 2006, John was Director of the Population Council’s Africa Programme to Expand Contraceptive Choice and founder of ECafrique, a bilingual network of health care professionals seeking to mainstream quality emergency contraception services in Africa. A key player in the development and implementation of the WHO Strategic Approach, John has conducted strategic assessments of reproductive health needs in Africa and Latin America, and played a central role in the development of Ethiopia’s national Reproductive Health Strategy. An anthropologist by training, John brings skills and professional experience in such areas as appropriate technology and micro-enterprise development—experience that has also enabled him to engage with nontraditional partners in the health field such as small businesses, judicial sectors, and the advertising and pharmaceutical industries. In addition to writing, he is also frequently asked to review articles for Network, Outlook, the Population Council’s peer-reviewed journal Studies in Family Planning, and other international health publications.
Zar Ni Soe

Dr. Zar Ni Soe is from Yangon, Myanmar/Burma, obtained his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (M.B., B.S) from Institute of Medicine (1) in 1998, and his master degree in business administration (MBA) from Yangon Institute of Economics in 2002. He worked for UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for ten years. He worked as the program manager for drug demand reduction and harm reduction projects, focusing primarily on injecting drug users and their families. He is also a fellow of Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program and studied greater knowledge about residential and outpatient-based treatment and rehabilitation services in the U.S during his fellowship study in Virginia Common Wealth University (VCU), Richmond, VA in 2007-2008. He completed his double master degree for public health and health management (MPH&MBA) from University of New South Wale (UNSW), Sydney, Australia under AusAID scholarship award. Since he finished his postgraduate study in 2012, he returned to his native Myanmar following this training, committed to supporting health system strengthening efforts, and in particular to improving the health of women and children in rural Myanmar. He works as Senior Program Advisor at JSI - Myanmar, and is leading efforts to transform the reproductive health supply chain in Myanmar. He has worked closely with the Ministry of Health, UNFPA, and other partners to assess, design, pilot, and now scale the new national reproductive health logistics system. He is leading supply chain team of JSI - Myanmar for implementation of health logistics system for reproductive health commodities called (RHC LS). He represents JSI and provides technical support for government’s supply system strengthening programs.
Kanyanta Sunkutu

Dr Kanyanta Sunkutu is currently employed as a Technical Specialist in charge Reproductive Health Commodity Security (RHCS) for the UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO). A Chevening Scholar, he holds medical qualifications (BSc; MBChB) from the University of Zambia’s School of Medicine and a Master’s degree in Public Health (MPH) from the Nuffield Institute of the University of Leads, UK. He also has a Higher National Diploma in Health Management (HND) from the Pan-African Institute for Health and the Dutch Royal Tropical Institute (KIT).

Dr Sunkutu has more than 18 years post-graduate experience in public health programming at district, national and international levels, working with governments, international NGOs, multi-laterals and the UN System. He has also taught Public Health at the University of Zambia as an Honourary Lecturer.

He has a socio-development approach towards resolving public health challenges and is currently involved in standardising and harmonising quality assurance and other supply chain related systems and approaches through Regional Economic Communities, seeking innovative approaches to programming challenges and championing increased use of generic contraceptives. Additionally, he is also working on innovation and increasing efficiencies in LMIS, as well as end-to-end visibility in supply chains. He is an ardent boxing and soccer fan.
Tabitha Sripipatana

Tabitha Sripipatana, MPH is the Deputy Division Chief for the Research, Technology and Utilization Division in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at USAID. Ms. Sripipatana serves as the lead for the introduction of new family planning and reproductive health technologies and family planning/HIV integration research. She provides technical guidance and leadership for program development, review and coordination of family planning and related HIV/STI biomedical prevention research, service delivery, and research utilization as conducted through USAID supported cooperating agencies. Before joining USAID, Ms. Sripipatana spent nine years with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation implementing research and service delivery scale-up on elimination of congenital syphilis efforts and elimination of pediatric AIDS programs. Ms. Sripipatana earned a Bachelor’s in Biology and Psychology from the University of Oregon and a Master’s in Public Health from UCLA.
Ellen Starbird

Ellen Starbird is the Director of USAID’s Office of Population and Reproductive Health. She provides high-level leadership to the Agency’s family planning/reproductive health agenda and portfolio, valued at approximately $600 million USD annually and directs the Office’s $100 million program. Ellen has over 25 years of experience designing, managing, monitoring, and evaluating international family planning and reproductive health programming. She is widely known as a strategic thinker who is committed to advancing access to family planning for women, men, couples, and adolescents around the world.

Ellen joined USAID in 1989 and has spent her career in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health, starting in the Policy, Evaluation, and Communication, where she was Chief from 1995-2006. She served as Deputy Director of the Office for the next six years, and has been Director since 2013. She has an M.A. in Development Economics from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. The daughter of a Foreign Service Officer, she spent 11 years of her childhood in Hong Kong and Thailand. She is married and has two children, aged 16 and 13.
Sara Stratton

Sara Stratton, MPH is a seasoned public health leader with over 20 years of experience with international and domestic NGOs. Currently she serves as Senior Technical Advisor for Family Planning for Palladium on the HP+ and Nigeria Technical Support Unit projects. In this role, she provides technical advice to the francophone West Africa on costed implementation plan development and execution, and implementation of high impact practices (HIP). Stratton serves on several FP-related initiatives including HIP Technical Advisory Group, Implementing Best Practices and the LARC-PM Community of Practice. Before joining Palladium, Sara led IntraHealth International’s portfolio of projects in Senegal and Francophone West Africa, and was instrumental in establishing the Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit within IntraHealth’s Senegal office in Dakar in 2012. She has worked in East and West Africa, India and Eastern Europe, as well as within the US, in Florida and North Carolina. Ms. Stratton holds a MPH from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public.
Perri Sutton

Perri is a Program Officer on the Family Planning Team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Her portfolio of grants aims to support countries to ensure their populations have access to quality family planning information, services and supplies, with a focus on francophone Africa. Prior to joining the Gates Foundation, Perri managed clinical training and eHealth initiatives in the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa for the Department of Global Health at the University of Washington. She previously worked in project management and new business development for John Snow, Inc., and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali. She has a BA in psychology from the University of Washington, an MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and is a registered drone pilot with the FAA.
Sharyn Tenn

Sharyn Tenn, MIA is the senior director of external affairs at the International Partnership for Microbicides (IPM), a nonprofit product development partnership established to prevent HIV transmission by accelerating the development and availability of safe and effective microbicides for use by women in developing countries. At IPM, Ms. Tenn is responsible for building external support for IPM’s mission by leading IPM’s global policy, advocacy and stakeholder outreach strategy and program. Sharyn also represents IPM on the steering committee of the Global Health Technologies Coalition an advocacy organization dedicated to promoting investment in global health research and development. Prior to joining IPM, Ms. Tenn served as the director of international affairs at the American College of Cardiology, where she was responsible for the global expansion of the medical society’s work in health policy, treatment guidelines, cardiovascular research, professional education and quality improvement. Ms. Tenn previously spent seven years as the head of capacity building at a coalition of global development NGOs, the SEEP Network, where she launched and led an innovative organizational development program to strengthen coalitions and associations in developing countries. Prior to this, she managed global health and development programs in Latin America and Asia at Catholic Relief Services. Ms. Tenn holds a Master of International Affairs degree with a focus on economic and political development from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International and Spanish/Latin American Studies from American University’s School of International Service.
Fiona Theunissen

Fiona Theunissen is leading the advocacy and communications activities on a multi-country maternal health project which aims to reduce maternal deaths from postpartum haemorrhage. Fiona has an extensive program management, advocacy, communications and technology transfer background in the health sector working with governments, civil society and the private sector to expand access to treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) in India, China, Russia and South Africa, providing services for cancer patients and contributing to the expansion of midwifery services in low income countries. Fiona holds an MBA in International Organizations from the University of Geneva.
Annick Thiombiano

Annick studied Business Administration and aims to use her education to have a positive impact on her community and country. In 2011, she started working with AIESEC, an organization which develops the leadership skills of young people. With AIESEC, Annick helped to monitor and assess the progress towards the MDGs in Burkina Faso. Named a Voice of Africa’s Future (VAF) Champion in 2014, Annick has been actively fighting for the voices of youth to be heard and for young people’s concerns to be incorporated into the post-2015 agenda. She has also worked with local women’s organizations which offer training and education to allow local women to be economically independent. Annick is a passionate advocate for young people and for women.
Bryony Thorpe

Bryony Thorpe is a Fundraising Advisor for Marie Stopes International China (MSIC). Having earned a degree in Chinese and French from the University of Leeds, she moved to Beijing straight after graduating to start work at a French charity, Children of Ningxia. A transition to the corporate sector followed, where she took on roles in the localization and travel industries before coming back to the third sector with MSIC. Bryony also volunteers with the annual China Women’s Film Festival and speaks English, Chinese and French.
Ellen T. Tompsett

Ellen T. Tompsett recently joined that USAID Global Health Supply Chain-Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project as Global Collaboration Manager for Population and Reproductive Health. She previously worked as senior program officer for Reducing Stockouts at the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition where she oversaw the health systems strengthening portfolio of activities, including the flagship Stockout Initiative. A supply chain management expert, Tompsett has over a decade of experience working in logistics coordination in reproductive health, disaster response, and humanitarian relief for various U.N., nonprofit and for-profit entities. She has lived and worked in Egypt, India, and Sudan. Tompsett holds an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.
John Townsend

John Townsend, PhD, is a vice president and director of the Population Council's Reproductive Health program. He provides leadership, directs research initiatives, and advances policy innovations that translate into better-functioning health systems, improved sexual and reproductive health, and enhanced respect for the right to health for women and men worldwide.

Before joining the Council, he served for eight years as a social scientist with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Institute of Nutrition for Central America and Panama, and conducted research on such topics as child and maternal nutrition, physical growth and mental development of children, community development, and sustainable agriculture systems.

Townsend is a frequent presenter at professional meetings, with extensive publications and studies focusing on development, population, family planning, and reproductive health. He has worked and traveled extensively in more than 35 countries, and in 2006 he received USAID’s Marjorie Horn Operations Research Award for excellence in conducting and utilizing research. He holds a doctorate in social psychology with supporting studies in public affairs and educational psychology from the University of Minnesota. He received his Leadership Development Certificate from the Columbia University Business School’s Institute for Not-for-Profit Management, and received his undergraduate degrees in psychology and German from Marquette University.
Hayley Traeger

Hayley works as a technical advisor in the Commodities Security and Logistics Division in the Office of Population and Reproductive Health at the United States Agency for International Development. One of Hayley’s roles is co-chairing the Reproductive Health Global Traceability Advisory Group that provides a forum for supply chain stakeholders to share experiences and recommendations for the adoption of global standards to increase track and trace capabilities.
Renee Van de Weerdt

Since July 2013, Renee Van de Weerdt is a Senior Technical Adviser on the Commodity Security Branch of UNFPA’s Headquarters. In this function she is coordinating supplies of contraceptive commodities.

Before joining UNFPA, she was the Chief of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health unit in UNICEF’s headquarters in New York. In that function she co-hosted with UNFPA the Secretariat for the UN Commission on Life-Saving Commodities.

Renee received her medical degree from the University of Leuven, Belgium. She has a Diploma in Tropical Medicine from the Institute of Tropical Medicine, Antwerp, Belgium; a Master of Science in Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Wales.

Before coming to New York, Renee was the Health Officer in the UNICEF Chad Country Office for the regular and Darfur refugees’ programme, for more than 2 years. Prior to working for UNICEF, she worked almost 6 years for the WHO immunization programme during which time she was based for 3 years in Geneva and 3 years in the African Regional Office, focusing on immunization and surveillance in complex emergencies such as the Democratic Republic of Congo and Angola. She started her international career more than 20 years ago with Médecins Sans Frontières - Belgium for whom she worked some 4 years mainly as medical coordinator in emergencies ranging from Chechnya, the Great Lakes to Sierra Leone.
Leeat Weinstock

Leeat is an Investment Associate with Grand Challenges Canada, a federally funded organization which has supported over 700 global health innovations in 80+ low-and middle-income countries around the world. With a focus on women and girls, Leeat leads investments in areas such as menstrual hygiene management and manages cross-sectoral partnerships and initiatives. Previously, Leeat was the Manager of Social Finance at Social Capital Partners where she led the organization’s impact investment portfolio aimed at providing employment opportunities to vulnerable populations across Canada. There she played an integral role in developing and growing the organization’s pay-for-performance debt financing program being rolled out across Ontario. Leeat also worked with Grassroots Business Fund as a Consultant to the fund’s social enterprise investees in Tanzania, and has prior experience in investment banking with Capital Canada Ltd. and in various financial roles at Unilever and Nestle Canada.

Leeat is an active member of Canada’s social impact community. She lectures “Investing for Impact” at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, a course she designed to introduce finance students to the world of double and triple bottom lines. She is also a member of the Catapult Microloan Fund Investment Committee and the Youth Social Innovation Capital Fund Investment Committee, and previously served as Chair of Acumen’s Toronto chapter. Leeat has an MBA from the Rotman School of Management and a BBA from the Schulich School of Business at York University.
Morillio Erwin Williams

The 28 year old Morillio is originally from Paramaribo/Suriname. He has worked in the area of Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) since the age of 12, as an activist and advocate in Latin America and the Caribbean. He got involved working for the member association of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in Suriname. His involvement includes, but is not limited to, national peer education projects and national, regional as well international advocacy efforts to ensure SRHR. During an internship with the international advocacy team of the IPPF/WHR, he trained his program managing, researching, writing and advocating skills. Moreover, he was involved in different international processes at the UN including the UN Commission on Population and Development, the UN Committee on the Status of Women, and the post 2015 process. In 2011 he also did an internship with UNAIDS and assisted in relevant research, advocacy, and coordination activities. One of his tasks was to look at the legal effects of the UN political declaration on HIV and AIDS as an instrument of “soft law”.

After having worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Suriname in the capacity of International relations office, currently Morillio is the Public Affairs officer SRHR at Simavi(www.simavi.org). He contributes to the implementation of the overall Simavi Advocacy strategy with the aim “to advocate for a strong political and sufficient financial support at Dutch, national (local, in country) and international level for sexual reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to ensure basic health for Simavi’s final beneficiaries”. Within his advocacy work the topics that are being focused on are: Adolescent & youth SRHR; Maternal health & Reproductive rights; and Menstrual hygiene.
Endale Workalemahu

Dr. Endale, currently a Chief of Party for USAID funded flagship project, MULU (means comprehensive) HIV Prevention Project, $50 million, 5 Year project; is a licensed public health specialist (M.D, MPH) with over 18 years of experience. He was also trained on Leadership, Research and Behavior on the Summer Courses at Hopkins and New York University. Dr Endale is also a Deputy CR in PSI-Ethiopia.

He has a strong experience in HIV/AIDS programming and Family Planning integration. Dr Endale led AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR THE INTEGRATION OF MODERN FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES INTO COMMUNITY-LEVEL HIV PROGRAMMING FOR FEMALE SEX WORKERS IN ETHIOPIA supported by USAID/SIFPO. Dr Endale is trained and experienced in USAID Cooperative Agreement and Contract management, Finance and program design. Generating and use of evidence for program decision making is his passion. Dr Endale is also over-sighting recently started Adolescent360 funded by the Foundations (BMGF and CF).

He has worked with PSI (4 years), CDC (6 years), FHI (2 years) and MOH (6 years). Dr. Endale is the winner of, U.S Embassy in Addis, the Franklin Award and other meritorious honors for extraordinary and exemplary performance in implementing health services targeting MARPs and successful bio-behavioral survey among youth. He is an expert on integrated community prevention, care and treatment services.

He has worked with the Government of Ethiopia, the US Government (PEPFA team and interagency including CDC, USAID, DOD and State Department) and international organizations to manage prevention, care, and treatment programs.
Beth Yeager

Beth Yeager is the Director of the newly awarded Maternal and Child Health Task Order under the Global Health Supply Chain Procurement and Supply Management Project with Chemonics. The Task Order also supports assistance for Zika response. Prior to joining Chemonics, Beth was a Senior Principal Technical Advisor for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) supporting the USAID-funded Systems for Improved Access to Pharmaceuticals and Services program (SIAPS). In this role, she managed SIAPS RMNCH activities which focus on increasing access to and appropriate use of essential medicines and supplies to improve the health of women and children. Ms. Yeager provides technical leadership at the global level as a contributing member to technical working groups and international initiatives such as the UN Commission for Life-Saving Commodities for Women and Children, and the Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition, where she serves as chair of the Maternal Health Supplies Caucus. Ms. Yeager has over 20 years of experience in Latin America, Africa and Asia in the design, implementation and analysis of international public health programs in fields of RMNCH, infectious diseases, and behavior change interventions to improve maternal and child health, hygiene, and nutrition practices. She holds a master’s degree in international health from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.
Desalegn Tegabu Zegeye

Dr. Desalegn Tegabu Zegeye is Clinical Services Directorate Director at the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia. He is also an adjunct associate professor of Public health at the Institute of Public Health at University of Gondar, Ethiopia. He graduated in Medicine at University of Gondar and did MPH at the University of Western Cape (South Africa).
Linnea Zimmerman

Linnea Zimmerman is an Assistant Scientist in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has provided technical assistance and been a part of the leadership of PMA2020 since its inception, assisting with the development of questionnaires and training materials, training of field staff, and overseeing data quality assurance, monitoring, and analysis efforts across all countries. Dr. Zimmerman is also a co-investigator for the PMA Maternal and Neonatal Health project and provides technical assistance to the Global Early Adolescent Study. In addition to family planning and monitoring and evaluation, she is interested in the intersection of reproductive health and humanitarian emergencies. She has an MPH from Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health and a PhD from Johns Hopkins.